

Appl. No.: 10/612,669

Response dated February 22, 2005

Reply to Office action of December 1, 2004

Amendments to the Claims:

1. – 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a rail clip for anchoring a plurality of wire springs in a wooden seat base, comprising the steps of:

providing an elongate rail having a securing portion for securing the rail to the wooden seat base, and having another extending portion extending away from the securing portion at the seat base;

forming a plurality of tabs extending from a longitudinal edge of the extending portion of the rail, the tabs comprising integral extensions of the extending portion spaced apart along the edge of the rail; and

bending the tabs to form hooks spaced along the elongate rail and configuring each hook to receive and firmly hold an end of a wire spring.

15. (Original) The method of forming the rail clip according to claim 14, wherein the elongate rail has an angle cross-sectional shape.

16. (Original) The method of forming the rail clip according to claim 14, further comprising forming the rail to have an angle cross-sectional shape by bending the rail along a long axis.

17. (Original) The method of forming the rail clip according to claim 14, further comprising forming holes in the rail for fasteners to pass through.

18. (Original) The method of forming the rail clip according to claim 14, further comprising applying noise-suppressing material to spring-engaging surfaces of each of the hooks.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of forming the rail clip according to claim 18, wherein said applying step comprises applying a tape as the noise-suppressing material.